

## For immediate release

# Public consultation

# The issue of vacant premises on commercial thoroughfares

Process initiation

**Montréal, November 26, 2019** – The standing committee on economic and urban development and housing is inviting Montrealers to participate in a public consultation aiming to address the issue of vacant premises on the city's commercial thoroughfares. The work of the standing committee is supported by the *Service du développement économique de Montréal*.

The consultation is an opportunity for citizens to gather information, express their opinion and to contribute by proposing solutions to revitalize this key sector of Montréal's economy. The standing committee is rolling out a creative and interactive participation process involving several activities aiming to reach a wide array of stakeholders. The aim is to research and implement effective solutions.

The information pertaining to the public consultation is available at: ville.montreal.gc.ca/locauxvacants.

## **CONSULTATION**

The various components of the process are:

## Component 1: Public information meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019, at 7 p.m.

Édifice Lucien-Saulnier, 155, rue Notre-Dame-Est, Salle du conseil, 2<sup>e</sup> étage Métro Champ-de-Mars <u>www.stm.info</u> The meeting will be webcast

To speak during the public question period, you may register by phone at: 514 872-3000 or online at: <a href="mailto:commissions@ville.montreal.qc.ca">commissions@ville.montreal.qc.ca</a>. You may also register person before the meeting, or during the break.

Component 2: Online survey

From December 10 to January 20

Component 3: Brief and opinion hearing

Tuesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 16, at 2 p.m. (as required) Tuesday, January 21, at 2 p.m. (as required)

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Component 4: Local borough consultations

From January 13 to 29 – various locations

**Component 5: Co-creation workshops, on invitation only,** for business owners and property owners

During the week of February 3

Upon completion of its analysis, the standing committee will formulate its recommendations, to be adopted during a public meeting set at a later date.

#### REGISTRATION

Citizens who wish to present a brief or an opinion during the hearings must register latest by **Friday, December 13, at noon** by filling out the form available at <u>ville.montreal.qc.ca/locauxvacants</u> or by calling 514-872-3000.

Those who prefer to file a written brief, without presenting it verbally, or simply to email their written opinion, must do so latest by **Monday**, **January 20**, **2019**, at commissions@ville.montreal.qc.ca.

Since places are limited, citizens interested in participating in their local borough consultations must fill out the form at <u>ville.montreal.qc.ca/locauxvacants</u> before December 20.

## **DOCUMENTS**

Related documents are available at Accès Montréal offices, borough offices, the Service du greffe, as well as online at <u>ville.montreal.qc.ca/locauxvacants</u>.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Standing committees are public consultation bodies instituted by city council and the urban agglomeration council. In accordance with the Cities and Towns Act and The Charter of Ville de Montréal, metropolis of Québec, their mission is to guide elected officials in their decisions and to facilitate citizen participation in debates of public interest.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The standing committee on economic and urban development and housing – municipal component is chaired by Richard Ryan, city councilor, Le Plateau Mont-Royal. The vice-chair is Dominic Perri, city councillor, Saint-Léonard. The other members of the committee are: Younes Boukala, borough councillor, Lachine; Yves Gignac, borough councillor, Pierrefonds-Roxboro; Fanny Magini, borough councillor, Outremont; Jocelyn Pauzé, city councillor, Rosemont—La Petite-Patrie; Yves Sarault, borough councillor, L'Île-Bizard—Sainte-Geneviève; Véronique Tremblay, borough councillor, Verdun; Maeva Vilain, borough councillor, Le Plateau Mont-Royal.

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